# GCSE <br> Methods in Mathematics 

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## Glossary for Mark Schemes

GCSE examinations are marked in such a way as to award positive achievement wherever possible. Thus, for GCSE Mathematics papers, marks are awarded under various categories.

M Method marks are awarded for a correct method which could lead to a correct answer.

A

B
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SC

Mdep A method mark dependent on a previous method mark being awarded.

B dep A mark that can only be awarded if a previous independent mark has been awarded.
oe $\quad$ Or equivalent. Accept answers that are equivalent. eg, accept 0.5 as well as $\frac{1}{2}$
$[a, b] \quad$ Accept values between $a$ and $b$ inclusive.
3.14... Allow answers which begin $3.14 \mathrm{eg} 3.14,3.142,3.149$.

Use of brackets
It is not necessary to see the bracketed work to award the marks.

Examiners should consistently apply the following principles

## Diagrams

Diagrams that have working on them should be treated like normal responses. If a diagram has been written on but the correct response is within the answer space, the work within the answer space should be marked. Working on diagrams that contradicts work within the answer space is not to be considered as choice but as working, and is not, therefore, penalised.

## Responses which appear to come from incorrect methods

Whenever there is doubt as to whether a candidate has used an incorrect method to obtain an answer, as a general principle, the benefit of doubt must be given to the candidate. In cases where there is no doubt that the answer has come from incorrect working then the candidate should be penalised.

## Questions which ask candidates to show working

Instructions on marking will be given but usually marks are not awarded to candidates who show no working.

## Questions which do not ask candidates to show working

As a general principle, a correct response is awarded full marks.

## Misread or miscopy

Candidates often copy values from a question incorrectly. If the examiner thinks that the candidate has made a genuine misread, then only the accuracy marks (A or B marks), up to a maximum of 2 marks are penalised. The method marks can still be awarded.

## Further work

Once the correct answer has been seen, further working may be ignored unless it goes on to contradict the correct answer.

## Choice

When a choice of answers and/or methods is given, mark each attempt. If both methods are valid then M marks can be awarded but any incorrect answer or method would result in marks being lost.

## Work not replaced

Erased or crossed out work that is still legible should be marked.

## Work replaced

Erased or crossed out work that has been replaced is not awarded marks.

## Premature approximation

Rounding off too early can lead to inaccuracy in the final answer. This should be penalised by 1 mark unless instructed otherwise.

## Continental notation

Accept a comma used instead of a decimal point (for example, in measurements or currency), provided that it is clear to the examiner that the candidate intended it to be a decimal point.

| Q Answer | Mark | Comments |  |
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| 1(a) | 3500 | B1 |  |
| 1(b) | 7 | B1 |  |
| 1(c) | $\frac{1}{5}$ | B1 |  |


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|  | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \times 5+10+2 \times 20+2 \times 50+ \\ & 2 \times 100 \quad \text { or } 360 \end{aligned}$ | M1 | oe in $£$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Their $360 \div 3$ or 120 | M1 | oe in $£$ |  |
|  | £1 20p <br> 50p 50p 20p <br> £1 10p $5 p$ 5p | A1 | SC2 2 totals the same (other than $£ 1.20$ ) with the correct number of coins for all three persons <br> SC1 2 totals the same (other than $£ 1.20$ ) with the correct number of coins for those 2 persons but not the third person |  |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | Condone eg (£) 0.20p as 20p |  |  |  |
|  | If a coin is used more than once (eg 10p used twice), a candidate could still achieve M2 or SC1 |  |  |  |
| 2 | At least 2 persons given £1.20 but not using the correct coins implies M2 |  |  |  |
|  | One person given $£ 1.20$ and the other two persons blank implies 120p |  |  | M1 M1 A0 |
|  | A: £1 20p <br> B: $£ 120 \mathrm{p}$ <br> C: 50p 50p 10p 5p 5p |  |  | M1 M1 A0 |
|  | A: $£ 110 \mathrm{p}$ <br> B: $£ 15 p 5 p$ <br> C: 50p 50p 20p 20p |  |  | SC2 |
|  | A: £1 10p <br> B: $£ 15 p 5 p$ <br> C: blank |  |  | SC1 |
|  | A: $£ 15 p$ <br> B: $£ 15 p$ <br> (B should have 3 coins) <br> C: 50p 50p 20p 20p 10p |  |  | M0 M0 A0 |


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3 (the | Two arrows from the same event is choice and scores B0 for that event |
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| (though the candidate may still score if other events are correct) |
| Two arrows to the same chance may score a mark if one of the arrows is |
| correct |



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| 5 | $\frac{73}{100}$ or 0.73 or $73 \%$ <br> $\frac{39}{100}$ or 0.39 or $39 \%$ <br> $\frac{21}{100}$ or 0.21 or $21 \%$ | B3 | oe fraction B1 each SC1 73 consistently |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | Withhold the mark for 'in' or 'out of' on the first occasion only |  |  |  |
|  | Ignore descriptive words such as 'likely', 'unlikely', etc |  |  |  |
|  | 73 : 100 and 39 : 100 and 21 : 100 |  |  |  |


| $\mathbf{6 ( a )}$ | $2 n-1$ | B1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{6 ( b )}$ | $4 n$ | B1 |  |


| 6(c) | Indicates any value of $n$ for which $2 n+1$ is not prime | B1 | $\text { eg } \begin{aligned} & n=0 \\ & \\ & n=4 \\ & n=7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & (2 n+1=1) \\ & (2 n+1=9) \\ & (2 n+1=15) \end{aligned}$ |  |
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|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |  |
|  | $n$ must be zero or a positive integer |  |  |  |  |
|  | Although the value of $2 n+1$ does not have to be evaluated, withhold the mark if an incorrect evaluation is shown <br> eg answer 4 with $24+1=25$ |  |  |  | B0 |
|  | Allow the value of $n$ or the evaluation of the expression (with working shown) on the answer line <br> eg $\quad 2 \times 7+1=15$ followed by 7 or 15 on the answer line |  |  |  | B1 |
|  | Check the working, eg $2 \times 3+1=7$ followed by 7 on the answer line |  |  |  | B0 |


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| 7 | $40 \div 5$ oe or 8 or $\frac{8}{40}$ | M 1 |  |
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|  | $150-$ their $8 \times 3$ or $150-24$ <br> or 126 | M 1 |  |
|  | Their $126 \div 7$ or 18 <br> or $18 \times 7=126$ | M1dep | dep on M1 M1 |
|  | 14 | A 1 |  |


| $\mathbf{8 ( a )}$ | 64 | B1 |  |
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| 8(b) | 21 | B1 |  |
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## Alternative method 1

| $\sqrt[3]{10648}$ or 22 or $22^{3}=10648$ | M1 |  |
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| $46^{3}=97336$ or $47^{3}=103823$ | M1 |  |
| 22 or $22^{3}(=10648)$ and <br> $46^{3}=97336$ and $47^{3}=103823$ <br> and <br> $46-21=25$ oe or $47-22=25$ oe <br> or shows all correct values from $23^{3}$ <br> to $45^{3}$ | Q1 | Strand (ii) <br> Correct method and values |

## Alternative method 2

| $\sqrt[3]{10648}$ or 22 | M1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\sqrt[3]{99999}=46(\ldots)$ | M1 |  |
| 22 or $22^{3}(=10648)$ | Q1 | Strand (ii) <br> SC1 Any 5 correct cube numbers from <br> 12167 to 97336 |
| and $\sqrt[3]{99999}=46(\ldots)$ <br> $46-21=25$ oe or $47-22=25$ oe |  |  |

Additional Guidance
The other cube values are:

| 23 | 12167 | 29 | 24389 | 35 | 42875 | 41 | 68921 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 24 | 13824 | 30 | 27000 | 36 | 46656 | 42 | 74088 |
| 25 | 15625 | 31 | 29791 | 37 | 50653 | 43 | 79507 |
| 26 | 17576 | 32 | 32768 | 38 | 54872 | 44 | 85184 |
| 27 | 19683 | 33 | 35937 | 39 | 59319 | 45 | 91125 |
| 28 | 21952 | 34 | 39304 | 40 | 64000 |  |  |


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| 12(a) | 8 | B1 |  |  |  |
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|  | Additional Guidance |  |  | B0 |  |
|  | Do not accept $\times 8$ |  |  |  |  |



| 13(a) | D | B1 |  |
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| $\mathbf{1 3 ( b )}$ | Any 8 squares shaded | B1 |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |  |
|  | Allow fractions of squares (eg half squares) to be shaded but the total shading <br> must be equivalent to 8 full squares for B1 |  |  |  |


| 14(a) | $D$ | B1 |  |
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| 14(b) | $B$ | B1 |
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| 14(c) | $x$-coordinate $>3.5$ <br> and <br> $y$-coordinate $>6$ | B2 | B1 <br> $x$-coordinate $>3.5$ <br> or <br> $y$-coordinate $>6$ <br> or <br> plots a correct point on the grid but does not give the correct coordinates <br> or <br> draws lines $x=3.5$ and $y=6$ <br> or <br> $(3.5,6)$ |  |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | If the answer line is blank and more than one point is plotted on the grid, then all points must be correct for B1 |  |  |  |


| 15 | 10 | B1 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 112 | B1 |  |


| 16(a) | $-3-5$ | B1 |
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| $\mathbf{1 6 ( b )}$ | -1 and 6 <br> or <br> 6 and -1 | B1 |  |
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| $\mathbf{1 7 ( a )}$ | $32-8$ or 24 <br> or $1000-8$ or 992 <br> or $32 \times 32$ | M1 |  |
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|  | 1024 | A1 | SC1 Any multiple of 32 greater than 1000 |


| 17(b) | 62 and 16 in that order | B1 |  |
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| 18(a) | 33 or 24 | M1 |  |  |
|  | ( $F=$ ) 9 | A1 |  |  |
| 18(b) | $12 a-4 a(=4 b) \text { or } 8 a(=4 b)$ <br> or <br> Substitutes values into $P=4 a+4 b$ for $P$ and $a$ such that $P=12 a$ | M1 | eg $24=8+4 b($ from $a=2$ and $P=24)$ |  |
|  | 1:2 | A1 | oe SC1 2:1 oe |  |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | Allow letters in the final answer, for example: |  |  |  |
|  | 2a:4a |  |  | M1 A1 |
|  | $2 P: P$ |  |  | SC1 |
| 19(a) | 8 | B1 |  |  |
| 19(b) | $2-(3+4)+5=0$ | B1 | Ignore superfluous brackets |  |
|  | $(1+3) \times 5+7=27$ | B1 |  |  |
|  | $(1+2) \times(3+4)=21$ | B1 |  |  |


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| 20(a) | All the marbles are red | B1 | oe |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | There are no other colours |  |  | B1 |
|  | It's full of red marbles |  |  | B1 |
|  | You are certain to pick a red marble |  |  | B1 |
|  | All the green and blue marbles have been taken out |  |  | B1 |
|  | There is only 1 marble in the bag (and it is red) |  |  | B0 |
|  | The bag contains red marbles |  |  | B0 |
|  | There's a lot of red marbles in the bag |  |  | B0 |
|  | Most are red because it's certain |  |  | B0 |
|  | All are red which makes it likely to pick one |  |  | B0 |


|  | There might not be the same number <br> of each colour | B1 | oe |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Additional Guidance |  | B1 |
|  | There might be an odd number of marbles in the bag | B1 |  |
|  | She doesn't know how many of each colour are in the bag | B0 |  |
|  | She doesn't know how many marbles are in the bag | B0 |  |
|  | She hasn't included the green marbles |  |  |


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| 20(c) | The probabilities do not add up to 1 | B1 | oe |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
|  | Ignore calculation errors if it is stated that the sum of the probabilities does not equal 1 or $100 \%$ |  |  |  |
|  | Green should be 0.5 |  |  | B1 |
|  | The probabilities add up to 1.1 (not 1) |  |  | B1 |
|  | The probabilities add up to 0.8 not 1 |  |  | B1 |
|  | The probabilities don't add up to a whole (one) |  |  | B1 |
|  | The probabilities don't add up to a whole number |  |  | B0 |


| 21 | $60 \div 400(\times 100) \quad$ or $0.15(\times 100)$ <br> or $60 \div 4$ <br> or $\frac{3}{20}$ or equivalent fraction |  |  |
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|  | 15 | M1 | $\frac{60}{400}$ or $\frac{30}{200}$ or $\frac{15}{100}$ |


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| 22 | Correct coordinates worked out for at least two points with at most two incorrect points |  |  |  |  |  | M1 | May be given in a table |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | At least two correct points plotted with at most one incorrect point |  |  |  |  |  | M1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Correct ruled line from $(-1,-6)$ to$(4,14)$ |  |  |  |  |  | A1 |  | SC1 An incorrect straight line drawn with gradient 4 or $y$-intercept -2 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Additional Guidance |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The correct line seen scores M1 M1 A1 (irrespective of the points plotted) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | For the first M mark: coordinates can be given as embedded values the mark can be implied by the plotted points |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Table of values: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $x$ | -1 | -0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 1 | 1.5 | 2 | 2.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 4 |  |
|  | $y$ | -6 | -4 | -2 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 |  |



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## Alternative method 1

| $\frac{3 \times 8+1}{8}$ or $\frac{25}{8}$ | M1 | Conversion to a fraction |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\frac{\text { their } 25}{2 \times 8}$ or $\frac{\text { their } 25}{16}$ or $\frac{25}{16}$ | M1 | oe <br> must be a fraction or mixed number, but <br> condone decimal numerators |
| $1 \frac{9}{16}$ | A1 | oe mixed number <br> SC2 1.5625 |

## Alternative method 2

| $1 \frac{1}{2} \text { and } \frac{1}{16}$ | M1 | oe |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{24}{16}+\frac{1}{16}$ or $\frac{25}{16}$ | M1 | oe <br> must have a common den |  |
| $1 \frac{9}{16}$ | A1 | oe mixed number $\text { SC2 } 1.5625$ |  |
| Additional Guidance |  |  |  |
| $1.5 \frac{1}{16}$ |  |  | M1 |
| $1 \frac{4.5}{8} \text { or } \frac{12.5}{8}$ |  |  | M1 M1 |
| In alt 1 , for the $2^{\text {nd }}$ mark a fraction in the form $\frac{m}{n}$ should become $\frac{m}{2 n}$ or $\frac{m / 2}{n}$ where $m / 2$ can be a decimal |  |  |  |


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| $30 \div 5 \times 4$ or 24 |  |
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